



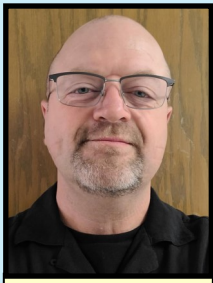
SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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August 2024

Mission Statement: We are followers of Jesus, in the process of discerning what we need to let go of and what we need to embrace so we can be a light of Christ in the world.



Rev. Matthew Hunt

Fall 2024 Sermon Series & Connect Groups

I am excited about this fall. When attending one of our Annual Western Association meetings, something one of the speakers said made me think of

this sermon series. It's counter-intuitive for most of us to think positively about losing. Mostly we want to gain. Gain more money, more people, more of this and more of that. And sometimes churches who experience loss can default to some less than helpful habits (most of them we call variations of "survival mode." Yet, God asks much more from us than simply to accumulate. This scripture gives Salem and most mainline churches excellent food for thought, and appropriately challenges us to grow in the ways of Jesus.

Sermon Series & Connect Groups Theme:
Finding Life in Losing: Embracing the Way of Jesus

Key Scripture: Matthew 16:24-26

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life.

Finding Life in Losing: Embracing the Way of Jesus encapsulates the central theme of our scripture, emphasizing the paradoxical nature of the Christian life, where true growth and vitality come not through self-preservation, but through self-sacrifice and surrender to the way of Jesus.

October 6th

Week 1: The Paradox of Losing to Find
Introducing the concept and exploring the

counterintuitive nature of Jesus' teaching on losing one's life to find it.

Scripture: Matthew 16:24-26

October 13

Week 2: Letting Go of Self-Preservation

Addressing the temptation to prioritize numerical growth and self-preservation over faithfulness to Jesus and his mission.

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-8

October 20

Week 3: Discovering True Life in Surrender

Examining how surrendering our desires, ambitions, and fears to Jesus leads to a deeper, more abundant life.

Scripture: Luke 9:21-24

October 27

Week 4: Living Out the Way of Jesus Together Exploring practical ways the church community can embody the principles of losing to find, both individually and corporately, through mutual support, service, and sacrificial love.

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

These weekly themes will be present in worship and in our Sunday evening Connect Groups at homes and the church. Please be in prayer for your pastor, our leadership, and our faith community as we strive to be faithful in growing in the ways of Jesus!

Blessings,

Pastor Matt



Everybody loves Sundae Sunday! (some more than others...)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 2024

Birthdays

- 8/1 Curt Fauble
- 8/3 Joyce Winn
Doug Mowen
- 8/5 Charmaine Starman
- 8/6 Ruth Disselhorst
Anna McNay
Brixon Mast
Judy Veile
- 8/10 Rich Clouser
Todd Pettit
- 8/12 Hannah Brice
- 8/13 David Schaffer
- 8/14 Donna Strong
Donna Tappe
- 8/15 Donald Grant
- 8/16 Rosie Foster
Samantha Fuller
John Husar
- 8/17 Sheryl Goehl
- 8/19 Sam Freeman
Luetta Hall
- 8/24 Chad Akers
Richard McNay
Mattis Tipton
- 8/25 Marie Fuller
- 8/26 Steve Hibbard
- 8/28 Judy Bushaus
James Davis
Zoe Elder
- 8/31 Matt Hunt

Anniversaries

- 8/4 Jerilyn & Mike Franciskovich
- 8/19 Carol & Ric Hillebrenner
- 8/22 Katie & Mark Hoffman

Do you or a loved one need prayer? Are you or a loved one in the hospital?

Please notify the office at:
office@salemquincy.org
or call 217-222-0601
for prayer
and support.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, August 3

11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, August 4

9:00 am: Breathe Deep Worship
with Communion
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Wednesday, August 7

5:30 pm: Jam Session—
Choir Room

Thursday, August 8

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, August 10

9:00 am: End of Summer Picnic,
Moorman Park
10:30 am: Paws & Prayers—
Pet Food Distribution
11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, August 11

9:00 am: Salem Worship
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Wednesday, August 14

5:30 pm: Jam Session—
Choir Room
6:00 pm: Ministries

Saturday, August 17

11:30 am: Health Fair—
Toiletries Distribution
11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, August 18

9:00 am: Worship
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Tuesday, August 20

Newsletter deadline

Wednesday, August 21

5:30 pm: Jam Session—
Choir Room
6:00 pm: VMST

Thursday, August 22

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, August 24

11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, August 25

9:00 am: Salem Worship
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Wednesday, August 28

5:30 pm: Jam Session—
Choir Room

Saturday, August 31

11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Breathe Deep—August 4—9:00am



This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to God's will, God hears us. 1 JOHN 5:14

Carolyn Carper
Laurie Charity
Gary Daggett
Cindy Davis &
Family
Victoria Dry
Denise Eastman
Bob Fox

Samantha, Nora, and
Marie Fuller
Paula Jones
Wanda Hamann-
Salsman
Jenni Moran
Connie Mowen
Doug Olson

Valerie Ortbal
Family & Friends of
Barbara Peter
Heidi Shaw
Robert Sronce
Joyce Winn

for ALL ages

End of Summer Picnic

Church provides fried chicken – please bring a dish to share

Games – scavenger hunt – bags – other activities

Moorman Park - Saturday, Aug 10
9:00AM – 1:00PM

Brunch - Sept 8

FALL KICKOFF

Breakfast casserole provided
you bring coffee cake or fruit



Jam Session with David Schaffer and Linsey Laughlin

- 5:30—6:30PM every Wednesday in August
- Featuring musical crafts

All are welcome!
(yes, that means you...)

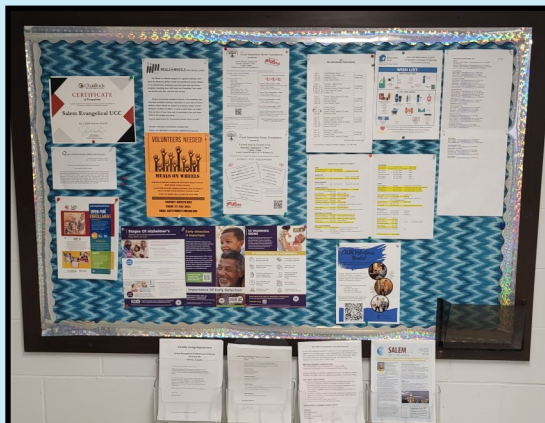
Coming Soon!



Bell Choir & Choristers
Rehearsal
Tues, Sept 10



A few shots from a recent jam session



The bulletin board across from the office has been reorganized and now contains regularly updated information about community groups as well as Salem's Ministries and activities. Check it out!

